

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

ALISON STEELE, INDIVIDUALLY  
AND ON BEHALF OF THE ESTATE  
OF CAYLEY MANDADI; §  
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Plaintiff,  
v.  
CASE NO. 5:21-CV-00780-XR  
JURY  
TRINITY UNIVERSITY, AND  
MARK HOWERTON  
Defendants.

## **JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court Order [Dkt 18] requesting a Joint Status Report the parties provide the following information for the Court.

1. Counsel for the parties conferred regarding this matter via telephone on May 6, 2022.
  2. Plaintiffs contend that the reasons for the Administrative Stay issued following the initial status conference do not exist at this time. The Court should issue a Scheduling Order and allow the Parties to initiate discovery so that the case may be properly developed.
  3. Defendant Trinity University contends that the Fourth Court of Appeals ruling in the writ of habeas corpus filed by Defendant Howerton (Cause No. 04-21-00409-CR) will be determinative of many issues at issues in this matter. The habeas corpus matter was submitted to the Fourth Court of Appeals on briefs on March 1, 2022; however, no ruling has been issued to date. Defendant Trinity University still intends to file dispositive motions on discrete legal issues discussed during the October 26, 2021 status conference. Defendant Trinity University intends to

file said motions within the next (60) days.

4. Like Trinity, Defendant Howerton contends that the Writ pending in the Fourth Court will have an appreciable effect on this case. Generally, if the Court grants the Writ and dismisses the indictment, then Plaintiff's claims against Defendant may proceed. However, if the Court denies the writ, or if there are additional appeals, Defendant Howerton will be forced to seek protection from discovery.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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